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Dear Families of Lexington City Schools,

I am writing to inform you that following a recommendation from the Virginia Department of Health, our school division will revert to 100% virtual learning for all students K-8 beginning **Monday, November 30th, 2020 through Friday, January 15th, 2021**. We plan to return for in-person learning on Tuesday, January 19th following the scheduled holiday on Monday, January 18th, 2021. The VDH recommendation is based on an increase in COVID cases across all age ranges and the concern about travel and large gatherings during the holiday season.

All virtual classes will stop for our Winter Break beginning December 19th, 2020, and will resume on Monday, January 4, 2021. Please look for information from your child's teacher(s) and principal regarding virtual schedules and other instructional information. Details regarding meals and other school-based services will be communicated with families later this week. Student Chromebooks and other learning materials will be sent home with your student tomorrow, November 24th as we begin the Thanksgiving holiday.

We need your continued vigilance during the holiday season so that we safely reopen in January. You can take steps to protect yourself and others, help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community, and allow us to return to in-person learning as soon as we can. These important steps include:

- Wearing a mask
- Washing your hands and covering your coughs and sneezes
- Limiting or avoiding close contact with others who do not live in your household
- Staying socially distanced from others
- Staying at home when you are not feeling well
- Considering the community levels of COVID-19 and whether it is safe to travel during the holidays

Please remember that it takes all of us to make a difference. Each individual's actions now and during the holiday season can directly impact our community, and our ability to reopen schools in January. Lexington City Schools will remain in close communication with the Virginia Department of Health as we make future decisions about our schools and the most appropriate course of action for our students and staff.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to keep our students, families, and staff safe.

Respectfully,

Rebecca J. Walters
Division Superintendent